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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Noel THOREL and Hugues GATTO

Application No.: NEW U.S. NATIONAL APPLICATION  
OF PCT/FR96/00037

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Docket No.: WPB 39818

For: NUTRIENT MEDIUM WHICH CAN BE USED AS A CULTURE MEDIUM  
FOR EPIDERMAL CELLS AND APPLICATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7, 12-15 and 18 as follows.

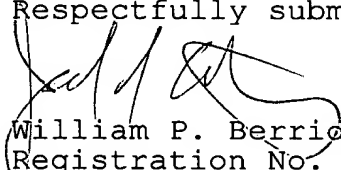
Claim 4, line 4, change "any one of Claims 1 to 3"  
to --Claim 1--.Claim 7, line 2, change "any one of Claims 4 to 6"  
to --Claim 4--.Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of Claims 9 to  
11," to --Claim 9,--.Claim 13, line 1, change "any one of Claims 9 to  
12," to --Claim 9,--.Claim 14, line 1, change "any one of Claims 9 to  
13," to --Claim 9,--.Claim 15, line 4, change "any one of Claims 9 to 11"  
to --Claim 9--.

Claim 18, line 2, change "any one of Claims 15 to 17" to --Claim 15--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and ~~20-21~~ are pending. This Preliminary Amendment eliminates multiple dependent claims. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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